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Part of the Inland Empire, **San Bernardino County** is the largest county in the United States, encompassing 20,000 square miles. Inyo County borders it on the north, Kern and Los Angeles counties on the west, Orange and Riverside counties on the south, and the states of Nevada and Arizona border to the east.

With a projected population of 2,747,200 by 2020, San Bernardino County is one of the fastest growing counties in California. With a population of 1,688,980 in 1999, San Bernardino will increase by more than 62.7 percent over the next 20 years.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for the county to be 754,600 with an unemployment rate of 4.8 percent, lower than the state's rate of 5.2 percent.

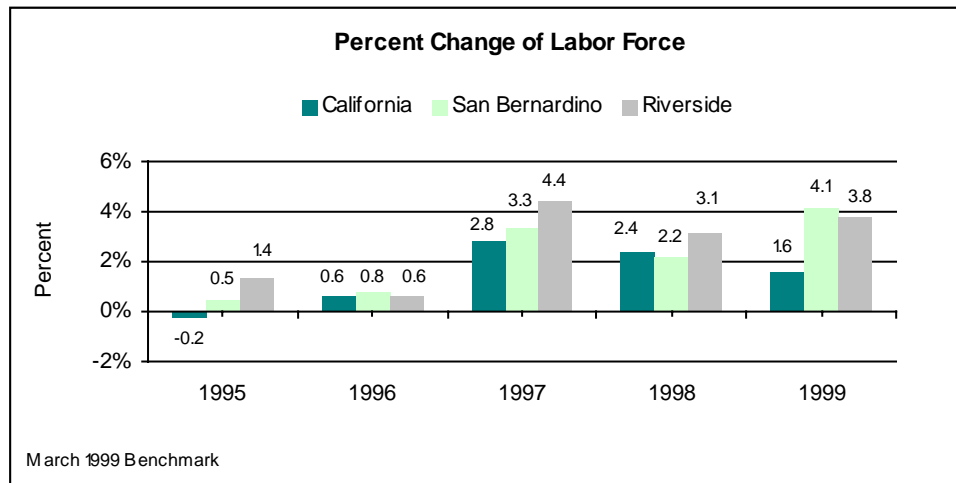
Services is the largest industry in the county accounting for 24.7 percent of total employment with health services being the largest component. Other significant industry sectors are government (20.8 percent) and retail trade (20.2 percent).

Manufacturing is one of the fastest growing industries with a seven-year (1995-2002) projected growth rate of 27.2 percent. An increase of 14,800 job openings is projected by 2002 in this industry sector. The greatest demand will be for assemblers and fabricators with 2,190 job openings over the seven-year period.

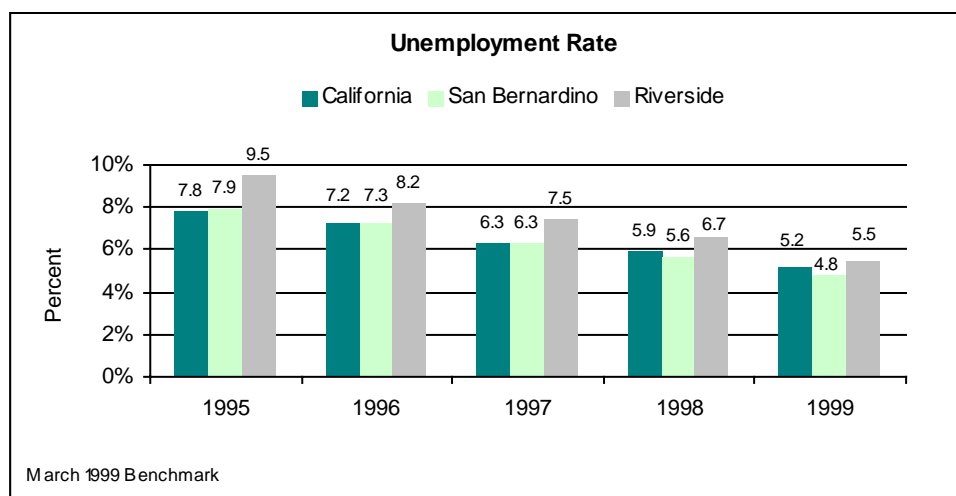
San Bernardino County will continue to show steady industry employment growth along with a steady increase in population.

LABOR FORCE

Since 1995, San Bernardino has sustained a growth trend in the civilian labor force each year with the greatest year-over increase of 4.1 percent occurring in 1999. The sustained labor force gains enjoyed by San Bernardino County are also evident in neighboring Riverside County, which had the greatest increase of 4.4 percent in 1997. The state recorded the greatest increase in labor force in 1997 with 2.8 percent.

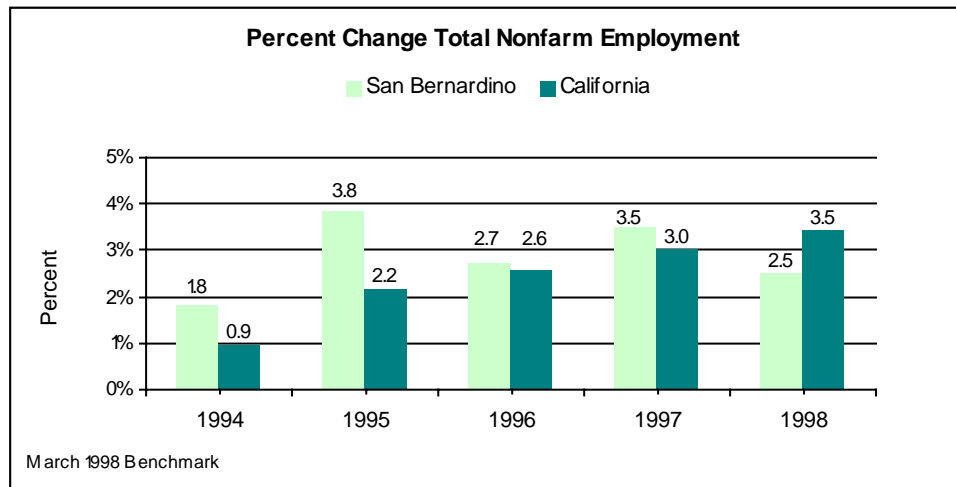


While steadily declining since 1995, unemployment rates for San Bernardino County have consistently exceeded the unemployment rates for the state. During the 1995-1999 period, San Bernardino has enjoyed a slightly lower rate than Riverside County.

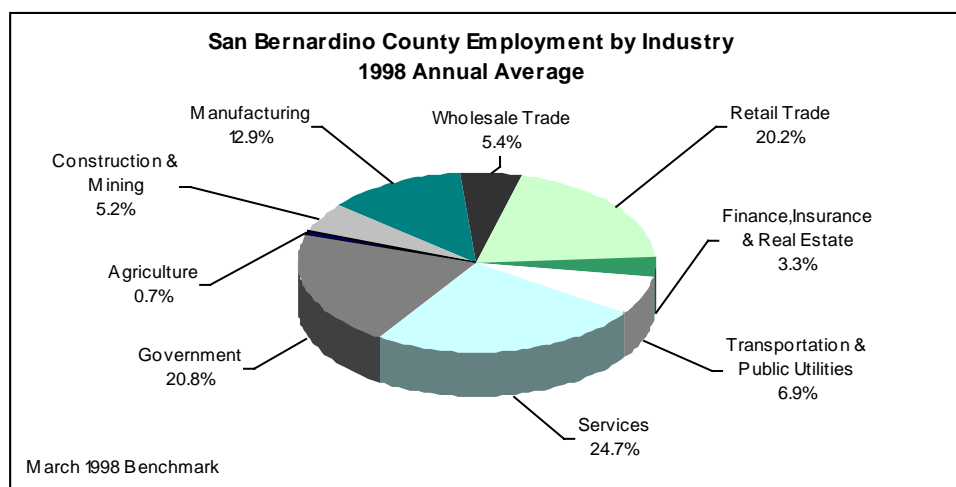


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

San Bernardino County's nonagricultural wage and salary employment has shown strong growth since 1994. The greatest job growth occurred in 1995 with 3.8 percent or 16,400 jobs. In 1998, the year over increase in San Bernardino County was 2.5 percent or 11,700 jobs. Total nonagricultural employment has shown steady growth for the state over this period with the greatest increase of 3.5 percent in 1998.



In 1998, the services, government, and retail trade industry sectors dominated San Bernardino County's employment. During the forecast period of 1995 to 2002, it is expected that 60.2 percent of the job growth in the county will be in manufacturing, services, and government.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. San Bernardino County is projected to have many employment opportunities in these high turnover occupations.

Associated Occupations	MANUFACTURING 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 27.2%
	Assemblers, Fabricators-Except Machine, Electrical – 2190 job openings. Assemble and/or fit together parts to form complete units or subassemblies at a bench, conveyor line, or on the floor. Duties are of a non-precision nature. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.06
	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters – 590 job openings. Cut, shape and assemble wooden articles, such as store fixtures, office equipment, cabinets, and high grade furniture. Set up and operate a variety of machines to cut and shape parts from wood stock. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.10
	General Managers, Top Executives – 430 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$29.57
	Machinists – 390 job openings. Set up and operate machine tools and fit and assemble parts to make or repair metal parts, mechanisms, tools or machines by applying knowledge of mechanics, shop mathematics, metal properties and layout machining procedures. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.15
	Truck Drivers, Heavy – 340 job openings. Drive tractor-trailer combinations or trucks with a capacity of more than three tons to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials in liquid, loose or packaged form. They may be required to unload trucks. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.07
Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 23.8%
	Registered Nurses – 1450 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.20
	Janitors, Cleaners-Except Maids - 1080 job openings. Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition; perform heavy cleaning duties such as operating motor driven cleaning equipment, mopping floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.91
	Secretaries, General – 890 job openings. Schedule appointments, give information to callers, take dictation, compose and type routine correspondence, read and route incoming mail, and file correspondence and other records. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.08
	Guards and Watch Guards – 830 job openings. Stand guard at entrance gates or walk about premises of businesses, industrial establishments, or private residences to prevent theft, violence or infractions of rules. Direct patrons or employees, control traffic. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.18
	Maintenance Repairs, General Utility – 810 job openings. Perform work involving two or more maintenance skills to keep the machines, mechanical equipment, and/or structure of an establishment in repair. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$11.01
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 17.6%
	Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs – 360 job openings. Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts or serve legal processes of courts. May patrol courthouse, guard court or grand jury, or escort defendants. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.94
	Fire Fighters – 310 job openings. Control and extinguish fires, protect life and property, maintain equipment as employees of city township, State or Federal Government. Long-term on-the job training. Median Hourly Wage- \$15.
	Correction Officers, Jailers – 280 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. They may guard prisoners in transit between jail, courtroom, prison, or other point. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.01
	Police Patrol Officers – 230 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; direct traffic; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.19
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP – 100 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$14.79

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